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TELEGRAMS.

THE POLAR CALAMITY.

A SAD STORY.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. A cable from Reuter's correspondent at Christchurch reports the arrival of the Terra Nova at Lyttleton.

Commander Evans, interviewed, said the gallantry of Captain Scott and his companions had never been surpassed.

A Contrast.

When steering around Cape Evans they arranged to give Captain Scott and his companions an ovation. They had brought up luxuries and steamed in with colours flying. A large party on shore cheered. The ship's company responded, but not seeing Captain Scott, Commander Evans shouted, "Are you all well?" He then learned the fate of the party.

The total distance covered by Captain Scott's party to the Pole and back was 1,842 miles, and they should have returned to Hut Point on March 10th, but their last message narrated their misfortunes, which it was impossible to overcome.

The Terra Nova brought every written record of the Southern party, including the private diaries. These will be handed to the relatives.

Capt. Scott's Last Day.

Captain Scott kept a daily record until March 24th, and spent his last day in writing a message to the public.

The bodies could have been brought back, but all hands agreed that it was better to leave them in the white mantle where they worked and died.

Commander Evans was disinclined to speak in connection with the tragic side of the expedition and did not allow his fellow officers any latitude in this direction.

The motor sledges frequently broke down.

Commander Evans will complete Captain Scott's story, which will be published in book form.

All on board the Terra Nova look healthy and show no outward signs of the hardships suffered.

A Wise Request.

Commander Evans stated that he hoped the people would not insist in being further informed, as the publication of harrowing details would do no good. He desired to alleviate as far as he could the distress among the relatives of the gallant men.

Australian Funds.

The "Adelaide Register" has started a Shilling Fund for the dependents of Captain Scott and his comrades, and a Penny Fund for Captain Scott's child, the proceeds of this latter fund to be invested in South Australian bonds; the interest paid to Mrs. Scott on the child's birthdays, and the principal handed to him on his attaining his majority.

A Suggestion.

Later.

The Zealand High Commissioner has suggested that the Government should utilise the Government steamer Hinemo to it is decided to send an expedition to recover the bodies of the explorers.

The Hinemo is an old vessel, having been built by Scott and Co. at Greenock in 1876 for the Marine Department of the New Zealand Government. She has a tonnage of 642, is 207 feet long, 25.8 broad and has a depth of 15.7 feet.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN UPHEAVAL.

MORE FIGHTING.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. Fighting was resumed at Mexico City on Wednesday afternoon. The rebels fired in the direction of the British Legation, near which a Federal battery was stationed. Heavy guns hurled shell and shrapnel into the business quarter.

Diplomats Interfere.

The Diplomatic Body in Mexico have strongly protested to both President Madero and General Diaz against the barbarous and inhuman fighting, and requested them to arrange an armistice.

Both returned evasive replies.

American Precautions.

The United States is sending four Dreadnought cruisers to Vera Cruz, and two cruisers to the Pacific coast. As communication between Washington and the Embassy in Mexico was interrupted yesterday, the Administration may be compelled to change its policy and send a naval expedition to open up communications.

STORY DISBELIEVED.

Chinese "Boy" Charges a European Constable.

A Chinese "boy" who was in the employ of Madame Gains, Nathaa-Koad, Kowloon, charged P. C. Bernard McAuley, 112, with assault with a baton, on the 9th inst., at the Police Court this morning.

Complainant alleged that the constable struck him, in a lane near his employer's house. He said that he was struck on the ear, mouth, nose and the arm. The constable broke his baton on him. He did not know why he was assaulted.

Defendant said that at 5.30 p.m. on the 9th inst. he was on duty in Nathan Road, Kowloon. He was called into the house of Madame Gains. He was called by Madame Gains who complained that her boy, the complainant, refused to do what he was told, and that he had snatched some keys out of her hand. He asked her to speak to the boy to come to the station and explain himself. She took defendant to the backyard where he saw the boy standing in the gateway. When complainant saw defendant he made a rush to get past him. Defendant caught him by the arm. Complainant tried to kick him in the stomach and he drew his truncheon and accidentally, but slightly, caught him above the eye.

Only one Blow.

His Worship:— You only struck one blow?—Yes, your Worship.

Complainant denied this.

Sergeant Caygill said that at 6.30 p.m. on the 9th inst. the complainant was in the charge room at the station and complained that he had been assaulted by a European constable but did not give any number. Complainant said he was struck by a police baton. There was a cut on the bridge of his nose. It was only a flesh wound half an inch long. A touch of the baton would have been enough to cause it. Complainant said he was assaulted on other parts of the body but, when witness examined him he could not find any marks on the body. A blow from a baton would have left some mark. There were no marks on the jaw either.

His Worship:— The summons is dismissed; defendant discharged. I am convinced that the defendant did not use any more violence than was absolutely necessary.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR.

ATTACK ON ADRIANOPOLE.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. A message from Constantinople reports that a violent cannonade continued all day on Wednesday at Adrianople, and Bulgarian aeroplanes dropped bombs into the city.

Heavy Fighting.

Heavy fighting took place in the Gallipoli peninsula, but there are no details to hand.

The Losses at Bulair.

It is officially declared in Constantinople that the Turkish losses at Bulair did not exceed 800. The Bulgarians did not gain an inch and only held their ground by fortifying their positions.

Roumania and Bulgaria.

A Bucharest telegram says it is understood that Bulgaria has offered Roumania further concessions on the Black Sea coast and Roumania has abandoned her claims to Silesia.

BOXING.

To-morrow Night's Big Event.

The booking for the show at the City Hall to-morrow night is going really well, and a big house is already assured. Certainly, no more attractive programme has been offered for many a long day, if ever, in the Colony, and the evening promises to be a memorable one in every respect.

Cordell and Grant are both training assiduously, and we hear that they are both in rare fettle. They are certain to appear in the ring in the best of condition, and a great bout is assured.

Powell and Scott are also training steadily, and the winner of this fight has challenged the winner of the main event.

Aside from these two bouts, there is the fight between Smith and Grayson to which to look forward. Smith's form is well known and that Grayson is no bad fighter was proved when he met Seaman Hayes. This should be a bout in itself worth going to see.

Smith is perhaps a little the cleverer man, but Grayson has a punch which is in the nature of a steamer.

Maurice Sanberg, the finished clever American wrestler, is matched against Hassan Ali, the champion of India, to go the best of three rounds in the catch-as-catch-can style and here again an exciting bout is assured.

Those in the know anticipate a fine fight between "Cordell's Nipper" and Adam Ismail. The former is a local champion and Ismail has been the sparring partner to Iron Bux and has much of the dash of the latter.

The gold watch for the winner is on view at the Grand Hotel.

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JAPANESE POLITICS.

A GOOD SIGN.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. Admiral Yamamoto's acceptance of the Coalition Premiership registers an advance in the political education of the nation and the downfall of the influence of the Elder Statesmen, as well as a diminution of the prestige of the Crown.

Heavy Fighting.

A NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

AN ACRE FOR FIVE CENTS.

The newly appointed Chinese ambassador to the Hague, Mr. Wei Chei Chen-tso, is expected to arrive in Singapore, accompanied by his attache and first secretary, by the German mail steamer Bramen which is due there on the 23rd inst. from China.

The ambassador disembarks at Singapore and goes from there to Batavia, Sourabaya and Padang to inquire into the conditions under which the Chinese residents live there, and in order to see how these conditions can be improved in view of the dissatisfaction recently expressed.

Returning to Singapore, he resumes his journey to Europe on the French mail steamer Paul Lecat. Mr. Wei is a graduate of Paris University and in the past two years has served China as vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in Dr. Sun Yat Sen's cabinet, and as chief secretary to the late Premier Tang Shao Yi.—"Straits Times."

THRILLING STORY OF THE MUTINY.

Few European civilians who survived the terrible days of the Mutiny experienced more thrilling adventures than Mr. S. Gavin Jones, whose death has just occurred at Southsea. He was at Fategarh when the mutiny broke out, and formed one of a company of 200 souls who left that place by boat for Cawnpore. Fortunately for himself, Gavin Jones and 30 others separated from the rest of the party and returned to Fategarh, being induced to do so by reports of the loyalty of the local regiment. Events proved the reports to be delusive, and he and his companions after taking part in the heroic defence of the Fategarh fort, were compelled, with the other survivors of the little garrison, to seek safety by water. Gavin Jones was in a boat which stranded, and was fired upon, most of its occupants being killed. He himself was wounded in the shoulder, but, dropping overboard, managed to keep himself afloat, picked up by another boat. His wound proved to be a blessing in disguise, for the pain it caused compelled him to seek refuge in the village of a friendly Thakur, while the rest of the party went on to Cawnpore and death. Gavin Jones lived not only to serve with distinction under Sir Colin Campbell in the suppression of the mutiny, but to pursue a long and useful career in the development of manufacturing industries in Upper India. It is said, indeed, that there is hardly any industrial enterprise in Cawnpore with which at some time or other he was not connected.

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MR. MAXSE.

SPEAKER'S RELUCTANCE.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. In the House of Commons, the Speaker said that he did not desire to act on his own initiative in reference to Mr. L. J. Maxse, who refused to disclose information when before the Marconi Inquiry Committee.

Mr. Asquith did not recommend immediate action; it required careful consideration.

The matter then dropped.

Lord Kitchener's Scheme.

A start has been made with Lord Kitchener's land reform project in Egypt, says a message from Cairo, and the scheme, which was first inaugurated by the Government from 1883 to 1885.

Deceased was acting Chief Justice of Grenada in 1886 and two years later was appointed Attorney General of British Guiana from whence he came to Hongkong. The late Sir John Carrington was always a keen Volunteer and during his tenure of office in Hongkong he took deep interest in the local Corps, which he commanded for a number of years.

In his official capacity, he deceased did a great deal of useful work in Hongkong. He compiled the revised edition of the Hongkong Ordinances which has done duty here right up to the time of the recent further revision, and he was also responsible for the revision of the Civil Procedure of the Supreme Court, which he undertook while on leave in England in 1890. This was based on the old Code and some use was also made of the Indian Code, though by far the largest quantity of new matter was taken from the English Rules of Court, being adapted to local requirements.

Both these works were thoroughly and carefully done. Sir John Carrington was exceedingly well liked in Hongkong and many here will hear of his death with feelings of deep regret.

The Egyptian Government re-claimed some marshy waste land in Bilah, in the vicinity of Tantah. For the purpose of the scheme an agricultural college has been established.

TWO MILLION OIL DEAL.

Admiralty's Purchase of Slave Belt in Canada.

Interesting speculations as to developments with oil-driven warships in the British Navy are raised by the announcement that the Admiralty has purchased, at a cost of £22,000,000, large oil shale areas in New Brunswick.

But, apart from this, the news is interesting because it justifies the trouble and expense of the Dominion authorities in endeavouring to put the shales of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia on a commercial basis.

Some time ago a large shipment of the raw material was sent to England to undergo exhaustive tests, and the results were described as "eminently satisfactory," both as regards the yield of crude oil and sulphur of ammonium, exceeding in these respects the greater part of the Scotch shales, which had been worked for many years.

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OBITUARY.

SIR JOHN CARRINGTON.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, February 13. The death is announced of Sir John Carrington, formerly Chief Justice of Hongkong.

[Sir John Worroll Carrington, O.M., D.C.L., L.L.D., M.A., F.R.G.S., was Chief Justice of Hongkong from 1896 to April 1st, 1902, when he retired on pension. He came to the Colony as Dr. Carrington and was knighted in 1897. Born on May 28th, 1847, he was educated at Lodge School and Codrington College, Barbados and Lincoln College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1872 and was a Member of the House of Assembly, Barbados from 1874 to 1878, when he became Solicitor General of that Colony. He was acting Attorney General there during 1880 and 1881 and later became President of the Education Board. In 1882 he was appointed Chief Justice of St. Lucia and Tobago, where he administered the Government from 1883 to 1885. Deceased was acting Chief Justice of Grenada in 1886 and two years later was appointed Attorney General of British Guiana from whence he came to Hongkong. The late Sir John Carrington was always a keen Volunteer and during his tenure of office in Hongkong he took deep interest in the local Corps, which he commanded for a number of years. In his official capacity, he deceased did a great deal of useful work in Hongkong. He compiled the revised edition of the Hongkong Ordinances which has done duty here right up to the time of the recent further revision, and he was also responsible for the revision of the Civil Procedure of the Supreme Court, which he undertook while on leave in England in 18

GENERAL NEWS.

Motor-cycles for Police.
A new phase of the efficiency of the motorcycle in police work has been demonstrated in Chicago where a four-man squad has in two months saved £16,000 worth of merchandise from highway robbers and reduced a peculiar form of crime 90 per cent.

International Conference of Suffragettes.
The L. and C. Express says that Budapest is to be the scene of the seventh annual conference of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, and the date fixed is June 15 and the five days following. It is announced that applications for affiliation will be received amongst others from China, while specially invited delegates from China, Japan, and the Philippines are expected.

Action Against H. and S. Bank.
Before Mr. F. S. A. Bourne C.M.G., assistant Judge in H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on February 5, the case against the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank brought by three brothers of the bank's compradores, concerning transactions with the bank, was continued. At the conclusion of the evidence, says the "Shanghai Times," Mr. Douglass on behalf of the plaintiffs addressed the Court and Mr. Jones for the defendants replied. Judgment was reserved.

The Swiss President.
One of the least spoken of among the European rulers (if such he can be called) is the President of the Swiss Confederation. Either inside or outside of his own country, he never appears to be mentioned, and one may live for many consecutive months in Switzerland without once hearing his name. He neither pays nor receives State visits, although the Kaiser honoured the Federal States by his presence this autumn. The newly-elected President is M. Edouard Muller, of Berne.—Exchange.

Telephone Arbitration Case.
The big telephone arbitration case at Home has just ended after occupying the Railway and Canal Commission for 73 days and involving costs of probably between £300,000 and £400,000. The Commission awarded £12,515,284 and costs to the National Telephone Company against the Postmaster-General as payment for the taking over by the State of the company's telephone system. As the original amount claimed by the company was £20,024,700, there was, says the "L. and C. Express," a big slump in the company's stock, deferred shares falling 32 points in the day.

Where the Rubber Tyre Originated.
Perhaps not many people whose way is made smooth over "impossible" country roads by two pairs of scientifically constructed, inflated tubes of rubber, realize or have even heard in this year of grace 1913 that the first pneumatic tyre was constructed by one Thompson, in Scotland, as far back as 1846, for his son to use on an ancient "boneshaker," as the bicycles of that day were most fittingly termed. The story of the genesis of the rubber tyre and its subsequent development, commercially, is one of steady progress, until to-day the yearly product of the United States is valued at £2,000,000, alone.

Permit to Wear Chinese Decoration.

It is noted in the "London Gazette" that the King has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen, employed in the Chinese Government Railways, Peking-Mukden Line, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear decorations (as stated against their respective names), which were conferred upon them by His Majesty the Emperor of China by Imperial Edict, dated Jan. 14 and Feb. 2 1912, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—Third Class of the Second Grade of the Order of the Double Dragon, John Edward Foley, Esq., Traffic Manager, First Class of the Third Grade of the Order of the Double Dragon, Alexander George Cox, Esq., Chief Assistant Engineer; and William Davidson Stewart Henderson, Esq., Chief Accountant, Second Class of the Third Grade of the Order of the Double Dragon, William Hunter Steele, Esq., Deputy Traffic Manager; Leonard John Newmarch, Esq., District Engineer; and Edward Hulme Rigby, Esq., District Engineer.

SERVICE MATTERS.

Somnambulism Among Soldiers.
Another of a series of mysterious deaths took place at Fort William, Calcutta, on January 21, Staff-Sergeant Smith being found in the early morning in a dying condition at the bottom of the Soldiers' Institute stairs. It is believed that he fell down the staircase. No less than seven soldiers have been found dying in this way in recent years. The previous cases were attributed to somnambulism.

To Redeem Historic Medals.
Sergeants past and present of Hampshire Regiment are attempting to raise £125 to redeem from a firm of dealers in London a Victoria Cross, a Chinese medal with two bars—Peking and Taku Forts—and a photograph. The decorations were awarded to the late Lieut.-Colonel Lenon, of the old 67th (now Hampshire) Regiment, the Victoria Cross for bravery in the storming of the Taku Forts in 1860. The sergeants regard the present ownership of the cross as a blot on the fame of the regiment, and if they obtain possession will place it in the sergeants' mess at Winchester and display it to recruits on Taku Forts day.

Officer Summoned for Assault.
Before the Second Presidency Magistrate at Bombay, Captain Whitworth Jones, I.M.S., appeared to answer a charge of assault and insult preferred against him by Mr. Narottam Morari Gokaldas, late Sheriff of Bombay. The complaint was that on October 18 last, Mr. Narottam was proceeding with his wife and two others to Ahmedabad. He opened the door of a first-class carriage when the mail arrived. The accused jumped out and gave him a severe push and insulted him saying: "Are you blind? Don't you see this is a ladies' compartment?" Mr. Aworth, who defended the accused, said that Captain Jones was a light weight champion. Mr. Davar said that was why he was so quick with his fist. The case ended in complainant accepting accused's unconditional apology.

Singapore Officer Obtains Decree.
Captain Alfred Christopher Herman Suh, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, at present in Singapore, sought in the Divorce Court, on 14th inst., dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Margaret Louise, on the ground of her misconduct with Lieutenant Richard St. John, of the Royal Navy. There was no defence. The parties were married on July 20, 1909, at St. Stephen's Church, South Kensington, and there were no children of the marriage. Mr. Le Bas said that the petitioner, who was an officer in the Army, was ordered to Malta in 1910, and the respondent accompanied him there. While in Malta they made the acquaintance of the respondent, who was an officer in His Majesty's ship "Orontes." Early in 1912 the petitioner had reason to suspect the respondent's relations with the co-respondent, and endeavoured to put an end to the intimacy. Neither the co-respondent nor the respondent would agree to see no more of each other, and in July, 1912, the petitioner sent the respondent back to England with her sister, who had been staying with them in Malta. Correspondence ensued in which the petitioner continued his efforts to persuade the respondent to give up her infatuation for the co-respondent. In August, 1912, the petitioner returned to England, and afterwards received information from the respondent's mother which led him to consult his solicitors. It was discovered that the respondent and co-respondent had stayed together on Aug. 24 and 25, 1912, at the Eccleston Hotel, Eccleston-square. The evidence of the petitioner, which had been given before a commissioner, was read, and other evidence in support of the petition having been given, Mr. Justice Burgrave Deane pronounced a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent.—"L. and C. Express."

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MARVELLOUS PREDICTIONS.

Broken Bones Healed in Four Days.

New York, Jan. 3.—Possibility that the year 1913 will see the marvel of broken bones repaired for use within four days and wounds healed within one day is forecasted by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, whose success last year won him the Nobel prize for medicine. Dr. Carrel is now in Europe, about to return to his work after having been to Stockholm to receive the Nobel prize. The announcement of his marvellous predictions appears in the current issue of the official organ of the Rockefeller Institute.

While it now requires sometimes months for the repair of a broken arm or leg, and often weeks for the healing of a cutaneous wound, Dr. Carrel believes that these healing processes can be accelerated wonderfully by the growth of connective tissues by artificial means. He discloses that he has been conducting experiments to this end since 1907.

Aided by knowledge that growth of body is dependent in many respects on the more or less mysterious activities of some of the ductless glands—the thyroid, for instance—he applied a mixture of thyroid extract and macerated portions of other organs of the body to cutaneous wounds. He found the experiments to bear out his belief that if the rate of reparation of tissues were activated only ten times a cutaneous wound would heal in less than twenty-four hours, and a fracture of the leg would be cured in four or five days.

Continuing with radical experiments on live animals with the use of an extract from the embryonal tissues, he found this increased the growth forty times. In other words, if this were the practical application of his discovery to human wounds, that would heal normally in forty days, they would heal in one day. Experiments with various other extracts of tissues showed healing powers ranging from three to forty times greater than normal plasma. Applied to bones, he found that pulp made up of thyroid glands produced a pronounced thickening, which accelerated the reparation process.

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LACKING IN PATRIOTISM.

Lord Herschell's statement, in the House of Lords, regarding the strength of the Territorial Force is worth attention. It will be remembered that the force came into existence on April 1, 1908, when the units of the Volunteer Forces and the Imperial Yeomanry were transferred to the new organisation. The object was to bring into being a force strongly defensive. It is a well-known fact that it has never realised Lord Haldane's early anticipations in the matter of strength. It was expected to expand into a great national force of close upon a million men, but it has never reached to much beyond a quarter of that figure. One reason for the want of expansion of the force was that the original scheme of military training in the schools, from which it was hoped to draw an increasing number of recruits, was dropped to satisfy the wishes of the Labour Party—an instance of weakness on the part of the Liberal Government which is often forgotten. Another reason is that recruiting is almost neutralised by the fact that men whose time has expired do not always re-engage. The explanation what it may, the Forces having caught men, does not seem able to hold them.

This is regrettable, but, at any rate, it is good to read that the force, as it stands, is serviceable. If Lord Herschell is not too optimistic in his estimate—and this is a matter of such serious import that it would be almost criminal to over-estimate the defensive strength of the force—the safety of Britain is guaranteed in the event of an invasion; even though an expeditionary force of 180,000 men should be despatched from her shores. The Government, however, is not yet satisfied. It aims at an establishment of 315,000 men and has considered the possibility of utilising the National Reserve, which now numbers 190,000 men to fill the gaps in the Territorial Force. It would be immensely more satisfactory, however, if the Territorials could be raised to the necessary establishment by means of recruiting. We have commented before now on the need for voluntary service in such a Colony as Hongkong, and there is even more need at home. The necessary number is 315,000, and that number is not reached by over 50,000. It may be taken, without discussion, that that figure was decided upon by military experts as the lowest, or very nearly the lowest, total that is able adequately to meet the needs of defence, and a shortage of 50,000 is serious. Lord Herschell may be right in his estimate that the force is strong enough to cope with an invading army, but the margin of safety, if there be a margin at all, must be very slight.

We greatly fear that the grants proposed to be made will not materially help recruiting. In plain words, it is evident that the spirit which is animating the Dominions and the Colonies, and which is expressing itself in the form of gifts of battleships, is not in evidence, to any great extent, in the Old Country. And except some means can be found to rouse the young men of Britain to a sense of their responsibilities, there is only one solution. Hated or not, the remedy is compulsion; and the fact may as well be faced.

Book Production.

The records of book production at home last year are amazing. No less than 12,836 publications were issued during the twelve months, and of these 10,477 were new books. The rest were reprints or new editions. Novels take first place with 2,200, and theology, strange to say, comes second with 934. Of these novels, which are published at the rate of seven a day, not one in ten pays its way and perhaps one in a hundred pays sufficiently to compensate the author for his work. The majority of them are published at the expense of the hopeful author who has to pay very dearly in order to learn the lesson that only here and there a novel captures the hearts of the British public, via the public libraries.

Library Returns.

The returns of those same libraries are nearly as astonishing as the figures we quoted above. Speaking generally, they show that Miss Corelli is a prime first and that her deceased Stratford townsmen—the late Mr. William Shakespeare—comes so far behind that she can graciously afford to champion his cause in his country. When we reflect on these matters and on the curious taste in fiction betrayed by the British public, need we be surprised, after all, to find that some two thousand authors are hopelessly writing on purpose to meet that taste? Seven novels a day should be sufficient to deter any reflecting novelist, but few fiction makers are reflecting.

A Commandable Decision.

One of the brighter spots in the telegraphic news concerning the Antarctic tragedy is Commander Evans' remark that he hoped people would not insist on being further informed as to all that befel the Scott Expedition; that the publication of harrowing details did no good. This will be a hard knock to the morbid-minded readers of a contemptible class of newspapers that love to devote untold columns to all that is ghastly and unhealthy—no matter how offensive such publication may be to the relatives of the sufferers; but newspaper readers throughout the world, who have five grains of good taste in their composition, will heartily applaud the Commander's decision—which is merely that of an English gentleman. We earnestly hope that certain sections of the British and American press will lay the lesson to heart. They stood in sore need of it. The cause of the disaster everyone has a right to know and we hope still to see explained; but details are another matter.

Mr Keir Hardie and Liberals.

Mr. Keir Hardie, whose utterances on any subject are, of course, the last word on that subject, has been falling foul of the Radical party, in a speech delivered at Glasgow.

"He warned his hearers," says a home paper, "that where the Conservative party had failed, the Liberal party was likely to succeed on even more dangerous lines. Unionists wanted to bind the Empire by preferential tariffs, but the Liberal Government was trying it by a military agreement. All the talk about an Imperial fleet and an Imperial defence committee was simply an attempt by the Liberals to weaken the power of the civil authority and to strengthen the military power, which was growing already at an alarming rate." This is representing the Liberals in a new light, with a vengeance. Why, according to our learned friend, they are a positive nest of Jingoists, and we've been thinking, all the while, that they had no use for patriotism, militarism, and such like trash. Henceforth the Radicals go up—right up—in our estimation. Long may the military power continue to grow "at an alarming rate."

A Dangerous Practice.
 A Chinese contractor was presented by Inspector Dymond, before Mr. F. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, for failing to exhibit a light at night, over excavations he was making at the junction of Connaught Road and Southern Street. It was explained that the practice was a very dangerous one and a fine of \$7 or in default fourteen days was imposed.

The s.s. China Delayed.
 News has been received at the Pacific Mail offices here that the s.s. China will not arrive until Tuesday next, although Sunday is her scheduled day. The vessel was delayed by heavy weather in the N. Pacific and was late in getting to Yokohama. Captain Hans Thompson, who has been promoted from Chief Officer of the Manchuria, is in command of the China, Eastward.

DAY BY DAY.

Fame is not just. The truest acts of heroism never reach her ears, are never published by her trumpet.

The Court Cards. The "Court Cards" who are due to return here shortly, are, we learn, doing very good business at present in Shanghai.

Ambassador to Japan. By the s.s. Kitakio Maru, which is due in Hongkong on the 25th inst., Sir Conyngham Greene, the new British Ambassador to Japan, will be passing through. He is accompanied by Lady Greene.

Firing Crackers. Inspector Dymond prosecuted one hundred and fifty Chinese, before Mr. F. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, for firing crackers in prohibited areas. Various small fines were imposed.

Failed to Appear.

A man charged with being in unlawful possession of a small quantity of opium failed to put in an appearance at the Police Court, this morning, and Mr. F. A. Hazelton estreated his bail of \$20.

Illegal Billposting.

A Chinese who posted a bill referring to pills, without having the permission of the Registrar General, was fined \$2, or in default seven days, by Mr. F. A. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning.

Joining Her Husband.

Mrs. Robert Palmer passed through the colony, to-day en route to join her husband, who is in the Chinese Customs service in the Province of Szechuan. Mrs. Palmer stated that she had been home for two years because of ill health.

American Lady Teacher.

Mrs. E. E. Halsey, of Washington, D.C., U.S.A., has arrived in the colony, and is staying at St. George's House. Miss Halsey has come for the purpose of instructing the children of an influential Chinese family, and remains home for two years because of ill health.

American Boots.

Mr. George P. Smythe, of the firm of Smythe and Williams, of Chicago, has arrived in the Colony on his way to Singapore, where he intends making arrangements for the establishing of an American boot shop, only American manufactured boots being on sale.

Cotton Buyer.

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American Cotton.

Mrs. J. W. Clark, Miss Edith Clark and Miss Ethel Clark, of New York, have left for Canton. Mr. Clark, who is interested in the New Bedford, U.S.A., Cotton Mills, is expected by the Chinese and is coming to the East to look over the possibilities of importing American cotton into China.

Would not Wash.

The old excuse of having things presented by unknown benefactors was of little use this morning, when tendered to Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, by a Chinese charged with being in unlawful possession of a small quantity of tea-lead. A fine of \$5, or in default fourteen days was imposed.

German Transport.

The N.D.L.s.s. Koenig Louise, arrived last night from Bremerhaven, which she left on January 2, with 1260 German troops who are on the way to Tsingtau as special relief for the garrison there. The troops form detachments of the regiments already stationed in N. China. The transport leaves for the north this evening.

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SHAKESPEAREAN LECTURE.

Mr. Young's Defence of Shylock
 at the Y.M.C.A.

The lecture-hall at the Y.M.C.A. buildings was fairly well filled last night by an audience that listened with undoubted sympathy and interest to Mr. James Young, who spoke in defence of the much abused Shylock. Mr. Young is an American actor, of very considerable reputation, and toured for some time with the late Sir Henry Irving.

The lecturer said that the more one looked into "The Merchant of Venice" (which, like every other play of Shakespeare's represented men and women as they really are) the more one realised that Shylock was more sinned against than sinning; that "the poor old man was wronged." Of all the great dramatist's characters, the Jew was, perhaps, the most honest and sincere; and, when he and Antonio came to be analysed, it was clear that the one was not so bad, and the other not so good, as people in general thought.

Briefly, and in a very masterly style, Mr. Young proceeded to outline the story, dwelling especially on Antonio's cold contempt for the money-lender and on the daily insults heaped by him on the old man. The position of the Jews in Venice at that time was such that they were forced into the trade of usurers by the fact that they could not hold real property.

Was Shylock in earnest?

And, when all was said, was Shylock in earnest over his bond? When the agreement as to the pound of flesh was made, it could only be regarded by all parties (Shylock included) as a joke, for no one could dream that so wealthy and far-seeing a financier as Antonio could ever fail to meet his obligations. Perhaps Shylock, in suggesting such a pledge, was hoping to curry favour with his enemy, whom he held rather in fear than in abhorrence.

Proceeding to the trial scene, Mr. Young laid before his audience many considerations which were decidedly novel and worthy of a good deal of thought. Had the Duke any right to quash the case on account of the quibble as to blood-shedding? Portia could plead eloquently for pity on the merchant, yet herself had none on the Jew. How did her appeals to Shylock, her tirade on "the quality of mercy" tally with her subsequent attitude towards Shylock? Could it be that the Portia who, in a manner of speaking, trampled so exultantly on the Jew, when he was "down," was the same Portia who had pleaded so earnestly in Antonio's behalf? There was absolutely no justification for the attempt to convert Shylock to Christianity against his will. If, however, she had shown some sympathy with him in his defeat, had let him take his three thousand ducats and go, she would have been far more likely to bring about that conversion.

A Fine Analysis.

While not accepting, in all respects, Mr. Young's apology for Shylock, we are compelled to say that it was one that could only have been offered by a man who has an intimate knowledge of his subject as well as of human nature in general; and that his analysis of the character was scholarly, and searching. His contention was that Shylock was not, by nature, harsh; that he was, like the rest of us, the outcome of circumstance, and, before all things, the product of his time—driven to stern measures by the sterner ones employed against him and his tribe. Too proud to seek the protection of the Duke, wrapped up in his home, his religion and his inherited love of money, he was a truly pitiable and pathetic figure. In a word, he was right in his motive, and wrong in his procedure; wrong from our modern standpoint, though he merely followed the example of his Christian contemporaries.

Defendant who had nothing to say, was fined \$15.

The same officer preferred a like charge against the master of the s.l. Lai-Fat. Circumstances, eerily similar to those deposed to in the preceding case, were detailed, and the defendant was fined \$15.

"I was fishing and coal-cam up," he said, "a fisherman, when charged with dredging in the harbour by P.C. Lai-Fat. A fine of \$1 was inflicted.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The Assistant Chaplain Fund.

The Hon. Treasurer of Saint John's Cathedral (Dr. Francis Clark) desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following contributions to the Cathedral Endowment Fund. It has been agreed that the salary of an Assistant Chaplain shall be a first charge on the interest accruing from this Fund, and as this will not at present exceed some \$750 per annum further contributions are earnestly desired in order that the Church Body may be in a position to secure the entire services of a second Chaplain, for whom there is ample work.

The thanks of the community are especially due to Sir Paul Chater for his efforts in personally raising the greater part of this Fund.

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FAIRLY.
 Hongkong, February 14, 1913.

ORDER GRANTED.

Application to Alter Amount of Shares.

This morning in the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Gomperz, sitting in Original Jurisdiction, heard an application in connection with the Manchurian Stud Improvement Co. Ltd., concerning an alteration in the amount of some shares.

Mr. G. O. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. D. V. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon, and Harston, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Alabaster said this was a petition by the company, which was registered in the Colony, and carried on business elsewhere. The capital of the company was Yen 150,000, divided into three hundred shares of Yen 500 each. One hundred shares remained to be issued, and it was desired to alter the amount of the shares to Yen 100 each, it being thought that it would facilitate the issue.

There would be no alteration in the total amount of Capital, and nobody would be prejudiced if the order were granted.

His Lordship asked if the shares already issued would be split and fresh scrip issued, and the reply being in the affirmative, the order was granted.

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THE INTERPORT MATCH.

Shanghai Paper's Comments on a "Lucky Win."

Shanghai papers to hand contain accounts of the Interport match played on Thursday last week. Hongkong, it will be remembered, lost by the odd goal in three.

Commenting on the game, "An Old Hand" in the "North-China Daily News" says:—

Flowers kept goal for Shanghai in irreproachable style. He stopped many shots brilliantly, and could hardly have saved the single point which beat him, the ball being diverted by the shoulder of one of the players.

Of the backs, Davies played a strong fearless game. As usual, he was inclined to go too far up the field, and only his extreme mobility saved his side from possible disaster after some of these excursions. Curiously enough, the first goal to Shanghai resulted indirectly from an injudicious run up the field by Davies. Wade putting in a splendid centre which Quigley headed through. Reed was uncertain and off colour, and I still think that Forshaw is the proper left back in a representative match.

The half-backs all played well. Robinson was in great form, and put in an enormous amount of hard work. He has a tendency to dribble too much, due no doubt to the fact that he so often plays forward. Porter played one of his best games, enterprise in attack, stubborn in defence. Percy deserves high praise. He was little short of being the best man on the field. He was always on the spot when required, and repeatedly intervened at the right moment and stopped a dangerous aggressive movement.

Forwards Disappointing.

The forwards were disappointing. Clifford could do little right. He showed his old fault of selfishness, and instead of passing continually tried to run round the last man, who was nearly always too good. Forshaw was not in a happy mood, and was well held by the opposing half. It is only fair to him to say that many of his judicious passes went begging. Quigley was unsatisfactory, and showed poor judgement. T. Wade was a relative failure, and indulged far too much in tricks and pattern-weaving, repeatedly allowing himself to be robbed by the Hongkong halves. His brother, J. Wade, justified his inclusion, and was about the best forward on the side.

Taken as a whole the team gave a disappointing display. Condition and the sound work of the halves helped them to snatch a somewhat lucky win.

Sympathy For Hongkong.

The Hongkong team has my sympathy. They took the field within a few hours of their arrival; they were full value for at least one goal in the first few minutes of the game; they were beaten in the last few minutes of extra time by superior condition.

Swann in goal made a good impression, and the two points scored against him would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Colmer played a great game at back, and seldom has cleaner kicking than his been seen in Shanghai. Hamilton was cool and resourceful, and seldom in difficulties. He nearly always had the measure of Clifford.

Hongkong Crushes Rest-of-the-League.

On Saturday the Hongkong team defeated the Rest-of-the-League XI by three goals to nil. There were but a few spectators to witness the game as most football enthusiasts who ventured out at all were over at the counter attraction with the Tientsin fifteen. And of course the soggy underfooting and leaden skies kept many indoors.

The Hongkong forwards were too strong for the League men and had matters much their own way. The visitors won the toss and elected to defend the pavilion goal and thus had a slight breeze in their favour. From the kick off the League men made a very promising start and in the first five minutes they had sent in two warm shots at the visiting goalies, Swann. He had no difficulty in gathering the ball and easily cleared.

The game as a whole was not a great one. On both sides over-eagerness spoilt many good chances, notably when T. Wade in the last few minutes steadied himself in front of an open goal and shot high over the bar. The Shanghai team quite failed to reproduce the football which delighted the spectators on Christmas Day.

It seems a pity that extra time was played. It was hardly fair

on Hongkong, and a draw would have more accurately represented the run of the play. A replay would presumably have taken place, and I am not at all sure that the betting would not be on the Southern team, who had all the worse of the luck.

COMMENTS BY HONGKONG'S CAPTAIN.

Of course it is unfair to attempt to analyse Thursday's exhibition as the best Shanghai could offer, writes Mr. Barlow in the "China Press" of February 9. The importance and the kudos hanging on the result of the game rendered it more in the nature of a cup tie, and a most strenuous one at that.

The men on both sides were quite obviously on an uneven equilibrium at the start, and their excitement naturally affected their play. Once the men had settled down, however, the spectators received a real education.

Frankly I expected great things from Shanghai. Many croakers had told us in Hongkong that we didn't stand a ghost of a chance, to use a hackneyed phrase. But our men never allowed themselves to be pessimistic, knowing that whatever the strength of the opposition they would give a creditable account of themselves.

I dare say many footer enthusiasts observed the marked difference in the tactics of the two front ranks. Shanghai preferred the short, close passing game, whilst we adopted the long, swinging transfers. The former method, of course, wears down the defence, because of the continual running backward and forward, that it necessitates. But it does not gain ground so quickly. Much discussion has taken place as to the utility of the short passing game in a cup tie, however dangerous it may be in a league game.

Close Passing Methods.

Personally I greatly favour our style, not because it is our style, but because to me it seems far more likely to succeed in circumstances that prevail in cup ties. The Shanghai quintette undoubtedly gave a brilliant exhibition of the close passing methods, but their shooting spoiled many an ingeniously initiated mid-field movement.

I must record, a word of sincere praise to your goal keeper and the defence, for their really splendid display. They were up against a very stiff proposition in the Hongkong forwards, and to say the least, they credited themselves with rare distinction. Particularly noticeable was the well-judged kicking and the whole-hearted tackling of Davis and Porter. The latter was a revelation. His methods are sometimes a little rough and ready but he is conscientious, fair, and clean. The wing halves, too, were very fine, and their feeding of the front rank was beautifully judged.

We were delighted with the reception given us by the spectators, and are much taken up with the sportsmanlike way in which Association Football is supported in Shanghai.

Mr. Crewe said the case would take a whole day, remarking "my friend will take up much time in legal argument."

Mr. Lewis:—And my friend will spend his time in futile attempts to prove his claim. (Laughter).

Mr. Crewe:—The races are on that day.

His Lordship:—But I understand that they don't commence until 11.30. (Laughter).

The case was fixed for that date, and subsequently another in which Mr. Lewis is concerned was fixed for the same day, second on the list.

Mr. Lewis:—My friend has readily consented to have this fixed for the 26th, but the first case is the one he says will take two days. (Laughter).

The case is to be heard on February 26.

Later, dealing with another case, Mr. Crewe urged "This is not a case which can be dealt with in race week." (Laughter).

LOCAL SPORT.

Hongkong Cricket League. The following is the table up to date.

Club.	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Craigengower	13 8 1 4 25
Hongkong 'B'	9 8 — 1 24
Kowloon	9 6 1 2 19
Civil Service	10 5 2 3 17
Hongkong 'A'	9 5 — 4 15
Staff and Dep'ts.	10 2 3 5 9
R.G.A.	5 2 1 2 7
B.E.	6 — 1 5 1
H.K. Police	10 — 1 9 1
	3 Points for a win and 1 point for a draw.

For Consignees. Consignees of goods by the sea. Atholl are reminded that all goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to

Hongkong team set to work in

real earnest and quickly gave

Katz

something to think about.

He cleared to Hall who made quite

a commendable effort to open the

scoring for the home team but

found Colmer in his happiest

mood.

Pennell then got busy and

made a desperate effort to open

the scoring but made a poor

finish to a promising start, by

kicking wide.

Encarnacao then

brought himself into prominence

by a neat piece of individual

work.

He passed on to Manley

who tested Swann with a smart

shot.

The latter easily cleared

in finished manner.

From a pass

by Campbell, Pearson secured

when in a good position and beat

Katz with a beauty.

This was

shortly added to by another fine

shot from Lewis who gave Katz

no possible chance.

Halftime

arrived with Hongkong leading

by two to nil.

On the resumption of play

Shanghai made several worthy

efforts

to open their account and

the visiting defence an

anxious time.

Then an unfor-

tunate accident happened.

Encar-

nacao was travelling at top speed

when he collided with Hamilton

the visiting back, the result being

that they both received damaged

eyes and found it necessary to

retire for the remainder of the

game.

Manley made several splen-

did runs and passed quite well

to Lewis who put in a long shot

that just missed the post.

Dalman

and raced away with Boulton at

his heels.

The pass was well

judged by Lewis who was un-

fortunately fouled inside the

penalty area.

Pearson took the

kick and easily netted.

This put

the visitors three up.

Very even

play continued right to the end

and nothing further eventuated.

Thus Hongkong ran out victors

to what was really a poor game.

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Hirano	Maru 15,000	7th May.
Tango	Maru 15,000	31st May.

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Inaba	Maru 12,500	11th February.
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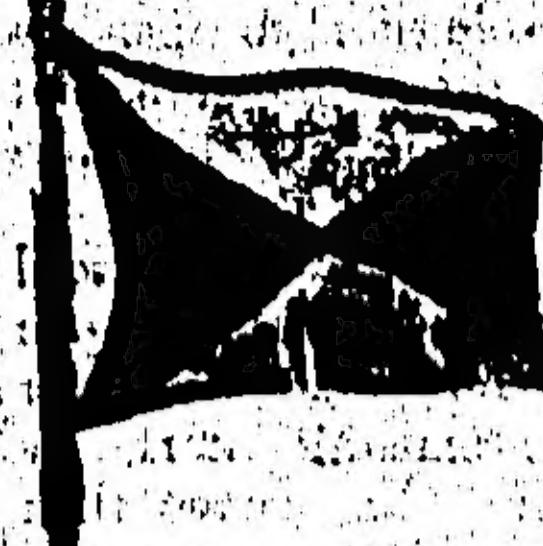
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LOG BOOK.

P. and O.—More denials.

Both the Royal Mail and the P. and O. companies give categorical denials to the report published in the "Liverpool Courier" to the effect that these two huge shipping organisations have completed arrangements for an amalgamation, with a total capital of \$30,000,000.

P. and O. and White Star.

The New Year's number of the "Steamer and Shipping Illustrated" contains many interesting features, one of the most striking articles being that in which the relative sizes of the British fleets are discussed. A notable advance has been made by the fleet of the P. and O. Company, which has beaten the White Star Line for third place in the table accompanying the article.

H. A. L. Affairs.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line has ordered from the Vulcan Wharf in Bremen four steamers, more, two of 15,000 and two of 12,500 register tons each. The wharf will be occupied by this order till 1915. The report that the Hamburg-Amerika Line has given up the plan of establishing a freight steamer line between San Francisco and the Far East is denied by that company, though the time when the new line will be opened is not yet fixed.

Collapsible Lifeboat.

A collapsible lifeboat constructed of thin inelastic sheets instead of canvas has just been patented by an ex-sailor, Mr. G. Pryor, of Hill Street, Victoria Dock-road. The rubber is reinforced with a thin sheet of canvas, and does not perish or get hardened with repeated coats of paint. Its resiliency also greatly diminishes the risk of the craft being holed by objects with which it may come into collision, and even should a puncture occur a repair is easily made with a special instrument, also patented by the inventor.

A New Dutch Liner Ashore.

News which in some quarters was regarded as serious was received of the new Dutch steamer Boston, which has stranded near Hartlepool while undergoing trial trips, says the "Times" of January 18. The last news of the vessel was that she was in a bad position that the deck had buckled over the boiler-room, and that the vessel was leaking. Yet in spite of this serious news only 10 per cent. was quoted for reinsurance. The vessel is of 6,880 tons, and belongs to the Nederland Steamship Company, of Amsterdam. The ordinary policy is for \$35,000.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAKASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 1st April, 1913, at Noon.

Losses on the Estonia.

A serious insurance loss is that of the Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company's Estonia, abandoned on fire while bound from Gothenburg and other Continental ports for Japan. The Estonia is insured on a valuation of \$41,000, and it is believed that at least another \$10,000 has been placed on disbursements, says the "Times." The Estonia was a vessel of 4,269 tons, and may be expected to have been carrying a cargo estimated to be worth, on a very low basis, £50,000. The ship and cargo therefore can scarcely be worth less than £100,000 and may easily represent far more. The bulk of the insurance is likely to have been placed in Hamburg.

Cape Merchants and the

Shipping Agreement.

Cape Town, Jan. 13.—A delegation from the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, which a few days ago unanimously passed a resolution strongly protesting against the shipping agreement concluded between the British lines and the South African Merchants' Committee in London, was received to-day by Sir David Graaff, Minister without portfolio, who, as Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, negotiated the new mail contract with the Union-Castle Company. It is understood that Sir David expressed his entire agreement with the Chamber's views, and promised to recommend the Cabinet to exercise its powers to protect importers wishing to carry on business without being fettered by the agreement.

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Notices

HONGKONG DOG SHOW.

PROGRAMME of Dog Show to be held at the Jockey Club Grand Stand Happy Valley on Saturday, the 18th March, 1913.

There will be classes for the following Dogs provided sufficient entries are received. No prizes will be awarded unless there are 5 Competitors. (Exceptions to this rule at the discretion of the Committee.)

Classes.

1. Fox Terriers Sm. th.

2. Do. Rough.

3. Irish Terriers.

4. Bull Terriers.

5. Skye Terriers.

6. Aberdeen Terriers.

7. Airedales.

8. Bull Dog.

9. Chow Dogs Smooth (Long Hair).

10. Do. Rough (Short Hair).

11. German Schaefer Hunde.

12. Pinscher.

13. Pinters.

14. Setters.

15. Spaniels.

16. Japanese Pugs.

17. Pekingeses.

18. Toys.

19. Poodles.

20. Non-sport Class. (Best litter of puppies, and a Championship for Best Dog and Best Bitch, any breed).

ENTRIES.—Should be sent to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible; date of entry will close at 6 p.m. on the 5th March.

ENTRANCE FEE.—\$1.00 per Dog.

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1. All Dogs must be at the Grand Stand, Happy Valley on Saturday 5th March not later than 10 a.m. and must be accompanied by their owner or some responsible substitute appointed by him.

2. Every Dog must be provided with a collar and chain.

3. No Dog may be removed from the Show before 6 p.m. without permission of the Committee or a Steward.

4. The Decision of the Committee and Judges to be accepted as final.

5. The Committee reserve the right to refuse entry to the show-yard of any Dog without attributing any reason therefor.

6. If Dogs are entered to be sold this, with the amount, should be stated on the entry form, but the Committee accept no responsibility in the matter.

7. Judging will commence at 12 Noon.

8. Dog-biscuits and water will be provided.

J. E. Greson,
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GWYL DEWLSANT.

The Annual Welsh Dinner will be held on St. David's Day, March 1st, in the Hongkong Hotel. Will those desirous of attending kindly communicate as soon as possible with J. R. POWELL-GRANT.

Hon. Sec.

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Hon. Sec., 13th Feb., 1913.

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One time Hongkong resident's
will contested.

The "San Francisco Evening Post" of December 20, 1912, prints the following statements which should be interesting to those "Telegraph" readers who are acquainted with the facts of the case.

Marguerite Olivera O'Brien of San Francisco and Hongkong, daughter of the late Mrs. Hermia Van Buren of San Francisco, to-day brought suit in the Superior Court to recover several thousand dollars' worth of jewels and boxes of silverware owned by her mother and now held by the Mercantile Trust Company as trustee under Mrs. Van Buren's will.

The mother, without assigning any reason, left her jewels and household silver in trust to the Mercantile Company.

"By the terms of the trust Mrs. O'Brien can never acquire the fish, trinkets and trappings. If the trust company elects to sell them, then Mrs. O'Brien may claim the income from the proceeds for life. At Mrs. O'Brien's death, then, this fund, with other of the trust money, is to go to her issue.

"Should she die without issue, then one-half of the whole fund is bequeathed to the German physicians of Hongkong, where mother and daughter have a palatial residence, to found a hospital of which the German resident physicians of Hongkong are to be perpetual trustees.

"If the Mercantile Trust Company should not elect to sell the jewels and silverware, and the privilege is optional in the will, than no provision is made for anyone to have either the property or its equivalent in money, which may run close to \$40,000."

Mrs. O'Brien under the will is given several of her mother's jewels, but the greater part, which, at the time of Mrs. Van Buren's death at Lucerne, Switzerland, May 12 last, were in the safety vaults of the Union Trust Company, are included in the trust clause.

Mrs. O'Brien asks the court to declare the property involved in the suit hers and direct the Mercantile Trust Company to disobey the trust clause and turn it over to her.

The California estate of Mrs. Van Buren is close to \$1,000,000 and does not include the Hongkong residence or other continental property.

"Friends here and abroad, at Paris, London and Berlin, are left legacies of diamond jewels, but all that Mrs. O'Brien receives under the will is a life interest in the residuary of the estate and a few diamond pieces of jewelry.

"Other than the suit filed today there is nothing on record with the court to show Mrs. O'Brien's dissatisfaction with the will, and while rumours of a contest against the document have been rife, whether this is the daughter's intention is known only to herself and counsel."

Thus far our American contemporaries will remember that Mr. J. S. Van Buren was for many years agent in this Colony for the Pacific Mail, and the testatrix was his widow. The two German doctors referred to are Dr. Justus and Doctor Muller of Hotel Mansions, and the "palatial re-

sidence" is, we understand, in Barker Road. When asked about the matter, Dr. Muller said that he did not understand how Mrs. O'Brien can bring an action for recovery inasmuch as, by the terms of the will, everything, with the exception of a few small private bequests, is definitely left in trust to the Union Trust Company. Mr. O'Brien will have the interest on the property till her death and should she die without issue, one half of the estate comes to Drs. Muller and Justus, who are to found a hospital with the amount. Dr. Muller informs us that the figures above given are greatly exaggerated, the actual value of the estate being about \$220,000 Gold.

Mrs. Van Buren left Hongkong early last year and died a few months later in Switzerland.

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE?
Damage Claimed from Tree-Cutting

This afternoon in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gomperz, Yam Ho, sued Lo Chop Shan, to recover the sum of \$800 being for damage alleged to have been caused to him by the wrongfull cutting down of one tree, and injuring another on the plaintiff's property, by the defendant, his contractors, agents, or workmen, about the beginning of December.

Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, for the defendant.

Mr. Harris explained that the trees were cut down by men while the defendant was looking on. The trees were very old trees. His client was building a cinematograph theatre, and the spot where the trees were to have been reserved for a tea garden, but the demolition of the trees had rendered it valueless for that purpose.

Mr. Jackson said his defence would be that the defendant was not responsible for the cutting down of the trees, and he would produce the man who was.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL LIBEL.

At the Police Court this afternoon a case was opened in which two Parsee gentlemen named K. Tata and I. N. Ollis are charged with maliciously publishing a defamatory libel concerning M. J. Patell and B. N. Talati.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Marcus Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, defended.

Mr. Potter in his opening statement said the libel complained of was contained in a letter sent by the defendants to Mr. Patell returning a cheque for \$800 which the defendants alleged was given to them in cash to give evidence on Patell's behalf in an action in the Supreme Court.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Chess Match.

A chess team match is fixed to take place on Friday next between the Y.M.C.A. and the Hongkong Chess Club. Players will be five aside and the match is timed for 5.30 p.m.

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